

How to make sure your Medicare diabetes medical supplies are covered:

- ♦ If you receive glucose monitor supplies from a supplier without asking for them, Medicare will not pay the cost. You should not pay for supplies you did not request.
- ♦ Medicare requires you or your caregiver to specifically ask for a refill of your supplies (such as strips, lancets, or control solution) before they are sent to you. The supplier may not automatically send supplies to you.
- ♦ Automatic shipments of glucose monitor supplies cause waste if you haven't used the supplies you already have at home. Eliminating waste saves you money and also helps to protect the Medicare program.

CAUTION

DO NOT accept supplies that are automatically sent to you. Report this practice to your Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier.

Learn More About...

MEDICARE BENEFITS

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)
Center for Beneficiary Services
7500 Security Boulevard, C2-26-12
Baltimore, MD 21244
(800) 444-4606 (Spanish available)
(800) 638-6833 (Medicare Hotline)
<http://www.medicare.gov>

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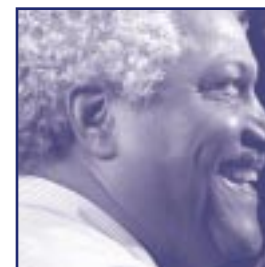
National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)
1 Information Way
Bethesda, MD 20892-3560
(301) 654-3327
(301) 907-8906 (fax)
<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/diabetes.htm>

National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP)
1 Diabetes Way
Bethesda, MD 20892-3600
(800) 438-5383
<http://ndep.nih.gov>

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**Today's Medicare Has
More To Offer You.**

Now! Expanded Coverage for Diabetes



Control Your Diabetes for Life

*Get Your Self-Monitoring
Equipment and Supplies Today*



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Did you know...

Medicare now includes coverage for:

- ◆ Glucose monitors
- ◆ Test strips
- ◆ Lancets

Who benefits?

All Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes (insulin treated and noninsulin treated)

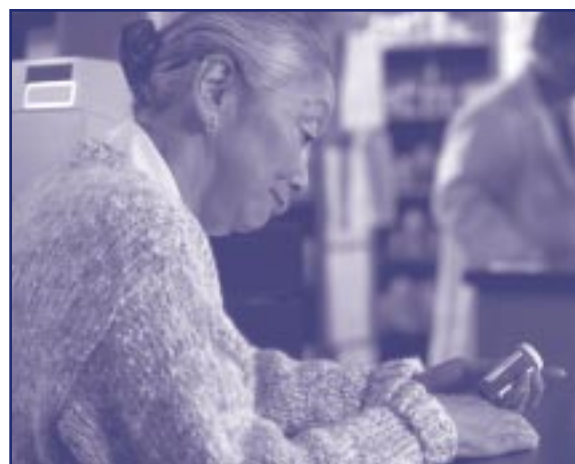
What do you pay?

20% of the Medicare-approved amount after the annual Part B deductible

How to get your supplies

With your doctor's prescription, you can go to your:

- ◆ Local pharmacy
- ◆ Hospital or clinic pharmacy
- ◆ Medical equipment supplier



To get information about what is covered call your
Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
(DMERC)

DMERC Region A 800-842-2052

Pennsylvania	Maine	Massachusetts
Vermont	Rhode Island	Delaware
Connecticut	New Jersey	New Hampshire
	New York	

DMERC Region B 800-270-2313

Indiana	Ohio	West Virginia
Virginia	Michigan	Minnesota
Illinois	Wisconsin	

DMERC Region C 800-213-5452 800-213-5446 (Spanish)

Tennessee	Alabama	Arkansas
Colorado	North Carolina	Kentucky
Louisiana	Oklahoma	Puerto Rico
South Carolina	Mississippi	Texas
Florida	Georgia	Virgin Islands
	New Mexico	

DMERC Region D 800-899-7095

California	Alaska	Arizona
Oregon	Missouri	Kansas
South Dakota	Montana	Nebraska
Utah	Nevada	Guam
Hawaii	Idaho	Washington
Iowa	North Dakota	Wyoming
	American Samoa	
	Northern Mariana Islands	

HCFA Customer Service Center for Beneficiaries 800-444-4606

District of Columbia	Maryland
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